

Wellness Center offers classes and workshops

Morehead State University's Wellness Center is offering several classes in August to help promote health and fitness to the campus and community.

A Back Strengthening Workshop will be held Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 8, at noon in the Aerobics Room of the Wellness Center. The class will discuss reasons for back pain and provide ways to strengthen and improve posture.

Cardio kickboxing classes will be offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from Aug. 27-Dec. 6. Open to MSU students, staff, faculty and members of the community, the classes will be taught by Annie Q. Beck in the Wellness Center aerobics room. Cost for the class is \$69. Additional information on attending the kickboxing is available by calling MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875.

During the fall semester, faculty, staff, retirees and students are encouraged to join an incentive program, "Walk for the Health of It," to get active. Two person teams will register from Aug. 27-Sept. 7 for the program that will run from Sept. 10- Nov. 2.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams.

The Wellness Center's hours of operation for Aug. 1-18 will be: Monday through Thursdays, 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.; Fridays 6 a.m. -7 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. -noon; and Sundays 4-9 p.m. Regular hours of operation will start on Sunday, Aug. 19 as the center will be open Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturdays 9a.m. - 2p.m. and Sundays, 4-9 p.m.

The workshops are free to all MSU students, faculty, staff and surrounding community members.

Additional information on the kickboxing and the "Walk for the Health of It" classes is available by calling the Wellness Center at (606) 783-2083 or by visiting its Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/wellness.

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2007 Journey of Hope cyclists visit campus

Morehead State University and the city of Morehead hosted the 2007 Journey of Hope Trans-America cycling team this past week. The group of cyclists is comprised of college men from across the United States who are members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The cycling squad arrived on Tuesday, July 31, and left the Morehead area on Thursday, Aug. 2.

Push America is the national philanthropy project of the fraternity. It was established to raise awareness of people with disabilities by promoting a number of programs designed to involve the undergraduate and alumni members of the fraternity across the U.S.

The Journey of Hope is a summer-long bike ride that begins in San Francisco and concludes in Washington D.C.

This year marks the 20th anniversary for the event. Throughout the duration of the ride, team members make stops in various cities to participate in "friendship visits" at numerous schools and assisted living facilities as a means of reaching out to those with disabilities.

The Journey of Hope team, along with members and friends of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity hosted an evening friendship visit with the residents of Morehead's Horizon Village. The local fraternity chapter works each semester with Horizon Village's residents to provide programming and entertainment.

If you wish to make a contribution to PUSH America or learn more about the programs, visit the Web site at www.pushamerica.org.

Education professor receives KASA award

Morehead State University's Dr. David Barnett, associate professor of education, is the recipient of Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented to Dr. Barnett during the Association's 38th annual conference in Louisville.

According to Wayne Young, KASA executive director, Dr. Barnett has distinguished himself in every aspect of educational leadership.

"Wherever he has served, he has been acknowledged for his gift of insight and his ability to build diverse coalitions to improve education," said Young.

Having served as a school administrator for more than 20 years, Dr. Barnett moved to higher education, where he has made his mark as an effective advocate for enhanced professional standards for educators, better interaction between universities and the schools they serve, and the improvement of teacher and administrator training programs.

He has built and strengthened connections between universities, school districts, state agencies, and professional organizations like KASA.

Throughout his education career, Dr. Barnett has held numerous posts, including superintendent at Bracken and Fleming counties, assistant superintendent, instructional supervisor, and math instructor at the public school and university levels. He has written numerous articles for scholarly publications such as the Kentucky School Leader, and presented education topics at state and national conferences.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to a retired educator who has brought honor to his office, colleagues and the education profession. Dr. Barnett was selected for the award by a statewide judging panel for his unsurpassed degree of commitment and service to the children and education leaders of Kentucky.

KASA is the largest school administrator group in Kentucky, representing more than 2,800 education leaders from across the Commonwealth. Formed in 1969, KASA connects education leaders to policy makers, legislators, and other interest groups, and provides numerous benefits and services to Kentucky's school administrators.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Barnett at (606) 783-9378.

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Blanton named media relations director

Jason Blanton has been appointed Morehead State University's news media spokesperson, effective immediately.

His main duty will be serving as the University's principal contact for all news media organizations. An MSU alumnus, Blanton had served since April 2003 as a staff writer and photographer-videographer in the Office of University Communications.

"We are confident that Jason's broad experience as a newspaper and broadcast reporter and his familiarity with this institution will be a winning combination for MSU and the press," said Keith Kappes, MSU's vice president for university relations.

Blanton, a resident of Oil Springs, has 25 years of commercial experience as a print and broadcast journalist, including work at WSIP Radio, Magoffin County Times, Mountain Chronicle, Floyd County Times, Big Sandy News, Ashland Independent, and MSU's Eagle Sports Network.

He succeeds Pauline Young who was named University Editor in the restructuring of MSU's communications and marketing operations. Young was MSU's news media spokesperson for more than nine years.

"We appreciate Pauline's outstanding service in the press office and her willingness to take on other important duties in this new assignment," Kappes added.

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'Images' exhibit on display at CCL

A touring exhibition of contemporary artworks by Kentucky artists is now on display on the Morehead State University campus.

"Images from the Mountains" is a juried exhibition of paintings, drawings and photographs created by artists from central Appalachia. Sponsored by Appalshop, the media arts and education center located in the heart of the coalfields of Eastern Kentucky, this exhibit represents a cross section of artists, young and old, schooled and self-taught.

Each year the call for entries is distributed to art programs, galleries and community groups in eastern Kentucky, western Virginia, and southern West Virginia. A panel of artists, community members, art teachers and art consumers convene in December to jury the exhibit. The Images show will then tour throughout the region for the next 12 months.

The exhibition will be showcased until Aug. 31 on the fifth floor of the Camden-Carroll Library. A reception hosted by the library's Special Collections and Archives will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 28, from 4-6 p.m.

Several Morehead artists are included in the exhibit: Sue L. Christian, a self-taught nature and landscape photographer; Carolyn Miller; Donna Lemley-Jordan, photographer; Joe Sartor, MSU associate professor emeritus of art; and Nancy Sartor, who has a special interest in photographing landscapes and flora.

Special Collections and Archives is dedicating this phase of the exhibit to Karen Telford, a former adjunct faculty member at MSU. A frequent contributor to "Images from the Mountains," she passed away in June.

Additional information on the exhibit is available by calling the Camden-Carroll Library at (606) 783-2829.

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Office of Enrollment Services names new counselor for diversity

Morehead State University has announced that Felicia Lee of **Louisville** has joined the University's Office of Enrollment Services as the senior admissions counselor for diversity. Her primary territory will be the Lexington metro area.

In her new position, Lee will provide information on the University's programs to prospective students, parents and school administrators in the MSU service region. She will represent Morehead State in a variety of marketing activities, including college nights and fairs, high school programs, individual school visits, Meet Morehead State programs, Open House and SOAR programs. She also will plan, organize and execute special recruiting/orientation activities that will assist the University in accomplishing its educational mission.

She will assist MSU with recruiting minority students and work toward the progression of the University's diversity plan.

Lee previously worked for the Jefferson County Public Schools along with several Louisville area television stations. During her television career, she won an Emmy for the Midwestern region in 1997.

An Our Lady of Mercy Academy graduate, Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communication from Eastern Kentucky University.

She is active in the YMCA Black Achievers Program and was recognized in 2001 as the Volunteer of the Year, and in 1998 as the YMCA Adult Black Achiever for WAVE -TV.

Lee is a member of Louisville's Urban League Young Professionals and Association of Black Journalists along with the Fifth Street Baptist Church. Currently, she serves as a member of the Central High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association board.

Lee has two children: a son, Kevin M., and a daughter, Erica L.

Additional information is available by calling enrollment services at (606) 783-200

Campus to host UTVS Festival

Morehead State University will host Until the Violence Stops (UTVS), a two-week festival committed to ending violence against women and girls in Kentucky, Aug. 18-31, on the Morehead campus.

The Festival was founded with the core belief that education, inspiration, thought and action can have a far reaching social and cultural impact. Kentucky was chosen as one of two locations world-wide to host this year's event because of its rich history of working to end violence against women. The main UTVS Festival site will be in Lexington. Kentucky will be a model for future festivals (Paris, France; Denver, Colo.; and Providence, R.I.) that will take place in 2008.

The Morehead UTVS festival will focus on raising awareness in the community concerning on the issue of violence against women and providing information on what action can be take by both men and women. At each event, anti-violence literature will be available, including a declaration of facts, will be available to those in attendance.

The local festival planning committee - area community members, agencies, MSU students and staff - have planned various events.

Activities will include self-defense workshop for campus, community and middle school students; a Take Back the Night march; a Men Against Violence Breakfast; Churches Say NO to Violence sermons; and guest speaker Katie Koestner.

Other events that will occur will be a film festival featuring Anne Lewis; an art and writing contest involving MSU, the community, and high schools; tree-planting ceremonies involving elementary students and community; an Art as Activism presentation; a community drumming; a writing and art workshop; a quilts-of-hope project; and a music/performance event.

All Morehead UTVS community events are listed on the festival's Web site, www.moreheadstate.edu/utvs . Additional information is available by contacting Sherrie Bennett, Morehead UTVS volunteer project liaison, at (606) 783-2249.

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Entrepreneur conference slated for Sept. 11

Ron Crouch, the director of the Kentucky State Data Center located at the University of Louisville, and Curt Clinkinbeard, nationally known presenter and author, will be the keynote speakers for the 2007 Regional Entrepreneur Conference on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Morehead Conference Center.

This year's event, titled "Hypergrow Your Business," is being presented by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center and the Morgan County Regional Technology Center.

The forum will bring together entrepreneurs and small business owners from across Kentucky and surrounding states for training on various topics. The conference will begin with registration and breakfast from 7:30 -8:30 a.m.

Crouch will be the morning speaker, 8:15-9:30 a.m., while

Clinkinbeard will be featured after lunch, 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Crouch has developed a national database analyzing trends by both Census regions and states and has developed Census profiles for all 50 states. His background is in analyzing data and developing information in ways that enhance understanding and utilization.

Clinkinbeard has combined his private sector experience, along with his understanding of small business clients and counselors, to develop a straightforward approach which highlights nine naturally occurring laws that govern the growth and ongoing success of every business.

The conference registration fee is \$45 per person, which includes all sessions and meals.

Training programs sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

Additional information on the 2007 Regional Entrepreneur Conference is available by calling SBDC at (606) 783-2895; or visiting its Web site, www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

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Fall Term begins Aug. 20

With summer coming to a close, Morehead State University faculty, staff and students are making preparations for the start of the fall semester.

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 20, at all MSU campuses, but there are many fun and informative activities planned for students before they even set foot inside the classroom - activities designed to help them maximize their MSU experience.

New students may complete financial, academic and housing tasks on that day. New students who had their photos taken at a summer SOAR session and are living on campus, will pick up their ID card during check-in at the front desk of their residence hall. Before moving in or once they are settled, academic advising will be available to new students who need to make a class schedule or change their existing schedule. Advising will be done in the academic departments from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Student parking passes will be available for purchase and pickup from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in 100 Laughlin Health Building.

Other important afternoon activities will include Student Support Services participant orientation, scheduled to be held in ADUC room 301 from 3:30-5 p.m.; the New Student and Family Welcome Dinner, slated for 4-7 p.m. on ADUC's second floor; and the "Welcome Celebration!" at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

The traditional Student Activities Council (SAC) Block Party at the Alumni Tower Bridge area will cap off the day's activities, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday morning, Aug. 18, new students will attend a series of informative and entertaining orientation sessions to help them get off on the right foot in college.

At 9:30 a.m., Curtis Zimmerman will present "Living Life at Performance Level" in Button Auditorium. This will be followed by "Student Life @ MSU."

During the lunch break from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m., students are encouraged to attend the activities fair at ADUC.

To provide entertainment for the students, C.L. Lindsay will present information on Facebook and other online communities at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, followed by "Funny Money." Later that day, Jud Laipply will be speaking to new students at 7 p.m.

A non-denominational morning worship service will be open to everyone at 11 a.m. in Button Auditorium on Sunday, Aug. 19. Music majors will be taking their music placement exam in 121 Baird Music Hall from 2-4 p.m.

Female students interested in Greek life at MSU may attend a sorority informational meeting, slated for 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19, also in Button. For even more Greek sorority or fraternity details, the Greek Kick-Off will be held on the Fields Hall lawn from 9 -10 p.m. The ever-popular poster sale runs from 4-10 p.m. ADUC, and will continue on Aug. 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Aug. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday night gets underway with the Street Dance and Ice Cream Social, scheduled for 8:30-10 p.m. at the ADUC commons area.

The University Bookstore will extend its hours during the fall semester's opening days, beginning on Friday, Aug. 17, when it will remain open until 6 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 18, the store will be open from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. to accommodate shoppers. Beginning Monday, Aug. 20, hours of operation will be from

8 a.m. until 6 p.m. through Aug. 23, and also from Aug. 27-30. Additionally, it will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Regular business hours will resume on Friday, Aug. 31.

As the first academic week of the semester gets underway, a performance by hypnotist Dale K will be held in Button Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Several other activities will be held in late August and early September, leading up to

Family Weekend, slated for Sept. 14-16. This annual event provides an opportunity for parents and other family members of students to get a taste of the MSU experience. This year's schedule will include a talent show, golf scramble and much more.

During Family Weekend, the MSU Football Eagles will open their home schedule in a 7 p.m. game on Saturday, Sept. 15, by hosting WVU Tech.

Everyone is reminded to mark their calendars for MSU's Homecoming 2007, slated for Oct. 18-20.

Additional information about attending MSU is available by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

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Kentucky ARML finishes ninth in nation

Morehead State University had a big part in the first Kentucky team to participate in the American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) competition. The event considered the World Series of mathematics competitions was held earlier this summer in Iowa.

Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences, is founder and coordinator for the ARML team. Drs. Michael Dobranski and Timothy O'Brien, assistant professors of math, were among the assistants who coached the team to a second place finish in the Midwest division and ninth nationally.

The Kentucky team consisted of 15 mathematically talented high school students and included Amir Ahmadi and James Bradley of Rowan County Senior High School.

The rest of the team members were D.J. Sterling, Simon Kenton High School; Brian Fei, Connie Wu, Shelly Xu, Mimi Yang, Nan Hu, and Rohit Ray, Dunbar High School; Yi Cai and Allan Hsiao, duPont Manual; Akash Gupta, St. Xavier; Matthew Kubicki, Louisville Collegiate School; and Bennett Coffey and Brad Elliot, Woodford County.

A total of 120 teams from 37 states, including teams from Bulgaria, Colombia, Ontario, Philippines, Switzerland, Taiwan and Turkey all battled for the championship.

The team got assistance from Morehead State University's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, the Office of the Dean of the College of Science and Technology, along with University Marketing.

Tryouts for the 2008 Kentucky ARML team will be held on Sept. 17 on the MSU campus. All high schools in the state are invited to create ARML teams. Two 15-member teams, plus alternates, will be selected to participate in the 2008 competition set for June.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Ahmadi at (606) 783-2930.

Area educators attend Dataseam training

Twenty school technology specialists from across the state gathered recently for a weeklong certification training session at the Regional Enterprise Center at Morehead State University at West Liberty. In addition to more than 30 hours of training, the group earned advanced certification on equipment and software to better manage computer systems in their schools.

Representatives from MSU along with Martin, Allen, Caldwell, Greenup, Marshall, Lawrence, Trigg, Jackson, Elliott and Boyd counties, Raceland-Worthington and Russell Independent participated in the workshop sponsored by Kentucky Dataseam.

Besides operating a large statewide computing grid for advanced research, Dataseam helps teachers and technology specialists in participating districts to better utilize computers in their schools.

"With the help of Apple, Nortel and Morehead State University, we are able to bring a unique training program here so more of our local technology professionals can improve their skills and value to their school districts," said Brian Gupton, Kentucky Dataseam executive director. "Based on the response from this first session, we expect another 50 to 70 people to take advantage of this certification over the next few months."

Boyd County District Technology Coordinator Russ Cole appreciated the training being held locally at the REC at MSU West Liberty

"Normally, school districts can't afford to send individuals to this level of training, but the fact it was close to home and condensed into one week made this a manageable way to make this happen. This was a great opportunity to achieve professional certification on this technology," he said.

The Kentucky Legislature supports the program with coal severance funding through the Department of Commercialization and Innovation (DCI) within the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development and the Kentucky Department of Education in an effort to produce new technologies, high tech jobs and increase the attractiveness of Kentucky's workforce to high tech companies. Dataseam has installed more than 5,000 computers in area coal county schools and expects this year to provide another 2,500.

"A trained and ready high-tech workforce will play a key role in Kentucky's future," said Deborah Clayton, DCI commissioner. "This type of training and certification is helping develop a capable, in-place workforce that will encourage more technology-based businesses to consider locating or expanding here in Kentucky."

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'Singing 101' slated for Aug. 23

Morehead State University's Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music, will present a lecture-recital, "Singing 101," on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building.

Chia-Ling Hsieh, instructor of music, will collaborate at the piano.

Classic vocal literature will be explored during this program. Dr. Prindle, a soprano, will give the history of several pieces often assigned to younger college singers, and explain why these pieces are favored for this particular phase in a singer's development.

Songs and arias by Samuel Barber, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Cristoph Glück, Mozart, Donizetti and Gounod will be featured.

The evening will be an interactive event. Voice majors in the Department of Music will take part in the lecture part of the concert, reciting English translations of some of the selections. The lecture-recital is free and open to the public. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2481.

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FEA Summer Camp held on campus

Morehead State University's Teacher Recruitment Program and Future Teacher Corps recently hosted the Future Educators Association (FEA) Summer Camp.

High school juniors and seniors interested in teaching attended the free camp, sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), to allow participants to learn about college life at MSU and careers in education.

Fifteen students took part in learning and social activities where they interacted with honored educators, MSU faculty, staff, and students; learned teaching skills; and got a glimpse at educational issues.

Two educators who have been honored as Teacher of the Year (TOY) in Kentucky also participated in the camp. Billie Travis, 2005 TOY and Morehead State alumnus, presented math strategies for teachers. Jeffery Wright, 2006 TOY, focused on science strategies.

MSU representatives attending were President Wayne D. Andrews; Dr. Cathy Gunn, dean of the College of Education; Dr. Robert Boram, professor of science; Dr. Chris Miller and Dr. Kim Sharp, assistant professors of education; Dr. June Grice, assistant professor of music; Jennifer Kidd, senior enrollment services counselor; and Carla Rucker, financial aid counselor.

Also participating in the camp were: Alicia Sneed, Education Professional Standards Board; Reeca Carver, KDE; Freddie Goble, Mountain Arts Center; and Carol Eicher, educator.

Additional information is available by contacting Joan Callaham, teacher recruitment coordinator, at (606) 783-9446.

KySat has successful test at MSU

KentuckySat (KySat) announced Tuesday (Aug. 14) the successful test at Morehead State University of the UHF/VHF Earth Station, which is a critical component of the KySat satellite on-orbit operations system.

KySat team members made contact (clearly detecting the satellite beacon) with the recently launched NASA GeneSat spacecraft. GeneSat, a 10-pound satellite, is a collaboration of NASA Ames Research Center, industry and universities. It involves a fully-automated, miniaturized spaceflight system that provides life support and nutrient delivery, and performs assays for genetic changes *E. coli*-- testing how microbes respond in space flight.

Morehead State is the lead ground operations center for KySat, which is developing the necessary on-orbit systems and processes in preparation for the launch of KySat1, now scheduled for 2008.

KySat student team members leading this particular effort included MSU students Prabhakara Rao Eluru, India graduate student, Andrew Crowe, Danville senior, Jennifer Carter, Olive Hill graduate student, and Prasanna Padmanabhan, graduate student from the University of Kentucky.

Team members will continue to track GeneSat and other appropriate satellites in preparation for upcoming missions. They are now working to complete the high-bandwidth S-Band system also to be employed on KySat1.

KySat is an ambitious joint-enterprise involving public organizations, colleges, universities and private companies in a student led initiative involving the design, launch and on-orbit operation of small satellites to promote science, technology, engineering, innovation and education.

In addition to MSU, KySat Enterprise members are: UK, University of Louisville , Western Kentucky University , Murray State University, the Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, Belcan, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (managing partner), and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Lead mission support partners include: Kentucky Virtual Campus (Virtual Network Manager), Space Systems Development Laboratory (SSDL), Stanford University, NASA Ames Research Center, California Polytechnic State University (Launch Integrator).

Additional information may be obtained by calling Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, director of MSU's Space Science Center, at (606) 783-2212.

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SBDC workshop set for REC on Aug. 21

"Steps to Establishing a Business" is a free workshop for prospective small business owners being offered by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center at the Regional Enterprise Center at MSU at West Liberty.

The workshop will held on Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Participants will learn many aspects of starting a new business including financial considerations, business selection and planning, loan sources, permits, licenses, advertising and marketing issues.

There is no charge for the workshop, but advance registration is necessary due to limited seating.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

Additional information and registration are available by calling MSU's SBDC at

(606) 743-4005.

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Save a life at KBC blood drive Aug. 29-30

More than 300 volunteer donors are needed every day to meet the blood needs of patients in hospitals in Central and East Kentucky.

A single donation can be broke down into three products - red cells, platelets and plasma.

The Kentucky Blood Center is providing an opportunity for you to help others by hosting a blood drive on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Aug. 29 and from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Aug. 30 in the Button Drill Room on the Morehead State University campus.

To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 17 years old, weight a minimum of 110 pounds, be in good general health, and have photo identification such as driver's license or student I.D. card. The process is safe and takes very little time. All donors will be treated to refreshments.

Additional information is available by calling KBC at (800) 775-2522 or on the Web at www.kybloodcenter.org.

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Patton speaks to PLA

Former Gov. Paul E. Patton spoke recently to the President's Leadership Academy at Morehead State University.

Gov. Patton served as the Commonwealth's 59th governor from 1995 to 2003. Attending were, front row from left, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, Patton, Cathy Thomas, associate professor of speech; Emma Perkins, associate professor of art; Connie Spencer-Ackerman, director of adult education academy; Jennifer Reis, art gallery director; April Hobbs Nutter, Web marketing director; LaRaissa Davis-Morris, multicultural services coordinator; Ladonna Purcell, director of support services; second row, Dennis McKay, associate director of enrollment services; Melinda Willis, associate professor of education; Ann Andalaro, assistant professor of communication; Will Kayatin, director of MSU at Jackson; Terry White, construction manager; Sam Nataraj, associate professor of computer information systems; third row, Ron Skidmore, associate professor of educational psychology; Drew Henderson, director of computer center operations; Sam Faulkner, assistant professor of social work; Craig Dennis, provisional studies coordinator; Matt Collinsworth, director of Kentucky Folk Art Center; and John Ernst, professor of history.

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Motorists should expect delays on KY 32

Motorists who use KY 32 in Fleming County should prepare for delays as a second paving project starts Monday, Aug. 20.

Two crews will be working on the route for the next several weeks, with two separate work zones along a 15-mile section where traffic will be reduced to one lane in various locations.

This resurfacing work, while it may cause short-term delays, will mean a long-term improvement to the roadway for those who travel it, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department said.

Eaton Asphalt Paving Co. Inc. will put down a new layer of asphalt on KY 32 from the Rowan County line west to the Fox Creek bridge for a distance of five miles. Crews expect to start trenching road shoulders on Monday, Aug. 20, with resurfacing to follow.

Meanwhile, H.G. Mays Corporation began final resurfacing earlier this week on 10 miles of the road, from the Fox Creek bridge to Coskery Pike near Flemingsburg.

Both projects will continue through August and possibly into early September depending on road and weather conditions.

Traffic will be maintained by flaggers and pilot cars that direct motorists through each of the two work zones. Motorists are reminded to heed warning signs, leave earlier to arrive at destinations in time, and always "Drive Smart" in work zones by slowing down and remaining aware of workers and construction equipment.

Once both paving jobs are complete, there will be nearly 20 miles of new asphalt driving surface on KY 32 between Morehead and Flemingsburg representing \$2.8 million in improvements.

The first project, which is now complete, resurfaced about four miles of it from the Rowan-Fleming county line east to Guardian Drive at Morehead.

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Americana Crossroads Live set for Aug. 31

Songwriter Vanessa Batts, Americana duo Gary Ferguson and David Miner, along with Hollow Wood Bluegrass Band will perform at the next edition of "Americana Crossroads Live."

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will present the program on Friday, Aug. 31, at the Morehead Conference Center, located on First Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the music to start at 7 p.m.

Batts, originally from Longview, Texas, did her undergraduate studies at the University of Oklahoma where she majored in vocal performance. In 2003, she was accepted at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow, Scotland, where she became immersed in the study of Scottish music. She also performed with several Scottish bands around Scotland and Europe during her time there. Upon returning to the states, Batts assembled a group of musicians to collaborate on a CD of original and traditional Appalachian music in Nashville. Her new CD, "Heart of Stone," was released last April. The duo of Ferguson and Miner recently returned from Ireland where their tour included concerts along with workshops on

Dobro and songwriting. Ferguson will be

making his second appearance on Americana Crossroads Live.

Four Kentuckians make up Hollow Wood Bluegrass Band. Nathan Jones (vocals, mandolin and guitar), Dustin Estridge (vocals and guitar), Kenny Shack (bass), and Malachi Smith (vocals/banjo) feature tight harmonies, excellent musicianship and progressive sounds.

"Americana Crossroads Live" is supported by Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky, Morehead Conference Center and Morehead Tourism Commission. Community partners include the Kentucky Folk Art Center, Morehead State University's Caudill College of Humanities, Arts and Humanities Council, Office of Communications and Marketing, Root-A-Baker's, and Papa John's. The series is now heard on 38 radio stations across the United States, Canada and in the Philippines. Concessions and door prizes will be available. Admission is \$5 per person, or \$20 for a Family Pack of five. Children, 12 and under, are admitted free.

Additional information on "Americana Crossroads Live" is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msradio.com or by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659.

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Open House set for Sept. 22 and Nov. 10

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services has announced its Open House dates for the fall. Scheduled on two Saturdays, Sept. 22 and Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. until noon, the events will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to Enrollment Services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the third year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

"Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs and faculty from our academic programs, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services together in one place," said Holly Pollock, assistant director of enrollment services. "Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn some statistics that demonstrate the academic quality offered at MSU."

The "America's Best Colleges" report states that a high percentage of MSU graduates, who are accepted into various medical programs and continue with post-graduate study, surpass national testing averages for certification.

MSU earned a third place ranking among top tier public universities for faculty-to-student ratios and class size.

Eighty-eight percent of the MSU faculty is full-time.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse.

Additional information is available by calling Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

'A Natural Order' exhibit now open

An art exhibition, titled "A Natural Order: Artists Exploring Artifice and the Organic," featuring work by contemporary American artists from across the country, will be on display in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building at Morehead State University from Aug. 29 - Sept. 20.

Reaching a high point in the Italian Renaissance in the 1400-1600s and continuing on into the contemporary art of today, artists can share commonalities with scientists and engineers in the pursuit of organizing or constructing the organic from the cellular level to the universe.

Jennifer Reis, gallery director, along with MSU's Gallery Committee, selected seven artists to exhibit their work based on their interest in

drawing from natural to created works that manipulate and reconstruct landscape, biology, and interactions between man and other worldly creatures.

The artists exhibiting paintings, prints, drawings, fiber, mixed media work, and sculpture are: Rachel B. Abrams, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lauren Lipinski Eisen, Milliken, Colo.; Susan Maakestad, Memphis, Tenn.; Michael McFalls, Columbus, Ga.; Tricia McKellar, Fuquay-Varina, N.C.; Tom Rice, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Leisel Whitlock, Chicago, Ill.

In association with the exhibition, MSU's Department of Art, with support from the Office of Communications and Marketing, will host two of the artists, McFalls and Rice, for campus events.

McFalls is a mixed media sculptor whose works explore the modification and human impact on animals and the earth. He will present two artist lectures on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m., both in 111 Claypool-Young.

Rice, a painter who creates large scale works that focus on mapping out the landscape, will be visiting MSU on Thursday, Sept. 27, to give two artist lectures, also set for 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. in 111 Claypool-Young.

The main gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community as well as the University's service region of East Kentucky. The gallery is open weekdays, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing. Parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue, behind Claypool-Young. Additional information on the exhibit is available by calling Reis at (606) 783-5446.

Posted: 8-20-07

Labor Day special to air on MSPR

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) will celebrate Labor Day with a special program. Humankind's new one-hour documentary, " Barely Getting By," will examine the plight of America's estimated 30 million low-wage workers.

The show will feature stories of a security guard who had to use a food pantry, a hospital worker who for two years lived in a shelter and others who work hard but struggle to make ends meet.

Among those heard on the documentary will be David K. Shipler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Working Poor," Nancy Cauthen, deputy director of Columbia University's National Center for Children in Poverty, labor advocate Beth Shulman and others.

"Humankind: Barely Getting By " will air at 9 a.m. and again at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 3.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day in digital high definition from the campus of Morehead State University, and serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the network, which includes WOCS (88.3 FM) in Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez.

Additional information is available by contacting MSPR at (606) 783-2001.

Posted: 8-21-07

SBDC helps start business in Prestonsburg

With the assistance of Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center office in Paintsville, Chris Slone has started a new venture. He became president of ACG Enterprises Inc. (d/b/a: Chris Slone Voice-Over and Production) and ThunderAli.com.

Slone did not begin the company without thinking it through. With the help of the SBDC, he relied on information and experience he received from Phil Greene, director of the Paintsville SBDC office, to assist him in directing the operation of his new business.

With more than 15 years in the radio industry, he has spent almost as long riding motorcycles and teaching motorcycle safety. Slone wanted to provide the community with a convenient, money saving alternative to the current options found in the local radio stations or with recording studios.

With state-of-the-art equipment, the business will provide a variety of different services such as voice-overs, movie trailers and advertisements.

By placing information on the Web, it opened doors for global recognition in both his broadcasting abilities and his motorcycle expertise. Contacts have already arrived via e-mail from Great Britain, Australia and other countries throughout the world.

"I had an idea and Phil Greene had the business expertise to make my dream of being more than just a radio DJ a reality," said Slone. "Starting a business takes a lot of courage and determination and can be overwhelming, intimidating and, at times, scary.

"That is why it is so important to have someone like Phil, the Small Business Development Center (located in the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center) assisting with the process. The SBDC has been a valuable resource to ACG Enterprises Inc. They are a wealth of information and if they don't have the answer they know someone who does."

Slone's business is located on Burke Street in Prestonsburg.

Additional information on the SBDC is available by calling Sabrina Jude at (606) 788-6022 or Greene at (606) 788-6008.

Posted: 8-21-07

MSU leads middle school fitness project

Dozens of health care professionals from as far away as Louisville will descend on this community Tuesday to assist in assessing the physical fitness of more than 600 middle school students in a pilot project aimed at fighting obesity and other chronic health problems in Eastern and Southern Kentucky.

A volunteer force of nearly 90 persons will operate six testing stations at the Roy F. Collier Community Center throughout the day as part of "Martin County Middle Schoolers On The Move Toward Health and Wellness." Students at Inez and Warfield middle schools will be assessed in terms of their aerobic fitness, muscular endurance fitness and body composition.

Morehead State University is leading the project in partnership with eight other sponsors, including Martin County Board of Education, Booth Energy, University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Center for Rural Development, Collier Community Center, KET, and the Inez Rotary Club.

"We are enthusiastically participating with our students and staff members because we believe serious health and lifestyle issues must be addressed at the family level," said Martin County School Superintendent Mark Blackburn. "If improving the wellness level of middle schoolers can have a positive effect on other family members, this pilot program might spread to other communities."

The project is the brainchild of U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, who has included \$300,000 in proposed funding in a House budget bill. Initial financial support is coming from the sponsors, including the purchase of individual pedometers for each student by Booth Energy.

Rep. Rogers said of the project:

"Obesity, especially among our young people, is at an all-time high, and it's time to put an end to it."

He continued:

"This initiative compliments a growing nationwide trend to take a hard look at how poor diet, exercise and lifestyle choices are causing chronic health problems. Incorporating wellness programs into a comprehensive health care approach for young people can avoid diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular diseases."

Tuesday's mass testing event was organized by Dr. Dayna Seelig, executive assistant to MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, who also will participate as a volunteer.

"We have physicians, nurses, professors, college students, community members, state agency employees, and business executives giving a full day of service for this assessment because they know we must find new and creative answers to this region's public health issues such as obesity and cardiovascular and respiratory diseases," said Dr. Seelig.

She explained that the goal of 10,000 steps means that each middle schooler will be encouraged to develop their personal fitness to the point that they have the stamina to walk the equivalent of five miles. That distance is the identified level that supports weight management.

Additional information is available from Dr. Seelig at (606) 783-5282.

Posted: 8-21-07

Back accepts internship in Washington, D.C.

Nicole Back, a Morehead State University graduate student and Morehead State Public Radio employee, from **Mt. Sterling**, has been accepted for admission for the 2007 Fall Capital Semester on Political Journalism through the Fund for American Studies and Georgetown University.

Back, who has worked for MSPR since 2005, is a news reporter, feature producer and board operator. She was the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Student Award.

Earlier this year, Back won two first place awards, one for her soft news feature on "Sasha Colette" as well as an award for best public service with her report on "Cervical Cancer" in the Kentucky Public Radio's Student Radio Contest.

Since 1970, the Fund for American Studies has provided undergraduates the unique opportunity to learn from experts in politics and economics, to gain valuable work experience and to interact with major policy makers and elected officials.

"I have learned so much from MSPR and owe a lot of thanks to its news directors and staff. Without them, I would not have gained the journalism experience I needed in order to get accepted into this program," said Back.

"I have grown to enjoy covering local politics while working for MSPR, which is why I am so excited about being a part of Capitol Hill's political scene. The experience should make me return for my final semester at MSU as a better political reporter."

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001.

Posted: 8-22-07

Reis receives Al Smith Fellowship

Jennifer Reis, director of main gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building at Morehead State University, has received the prestigious Al Smith Visual Arts Fellowship from the Kentucky Arts Council.

This was one of only 13 fellowships awarded to outstanding Kentucky artists. The \$7,500 awards named for Al Smith, journalist and former Arts Council chair (1977-1980), alternate between two discipline groupings: writers, composers, choreographers, and interdisciplinary artists in one year and visual and media artists in the other.

Reis came to MSU as gallery director in 2000. Previously, she served as photographic services coordinator for the Cincinnati Art Museum, assistant preparator and registrar at the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati, and as gallery graduate assistant at the Lowe Art Gallery at Syracuse University, where she received an M.A. degree in Museum Studies.

She earned a B.F.A. degree in Studio Art from the Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio, where she was employed at the Columbus Area Museum in the curatorial and education departments.

In 2003, she was selected as the first director of the MSU Arts and Humanities Council.

She serves on several boards and committees to advance the arts, including Americans for the Arts and the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen, and has juried numerous national exhibitions. As an actively exhibiting artist, she has displayed her works at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, American Quilter's Society Museum in Paducah, HCCA in Miami (Fla.), Miami University of Ohio, Southern Ohio Museum, among others.

Promotions regarding her work have been featured in *Art in America*, *ArtForum*, and *Arts Across Kentucky* magazines and *Quilting with Beads*, a Lark Books publication. As a teaching artist, she conducts workshops on art appreciation, embellished textiles, and professional practice for artists at universities, art centers, and non-profit organizations including Miami University's CraftSummer Program, Society for Contemporary Craft in Pittsburgh, Craft Alliance in St. Louis, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Kentucky School of Craft, University of Kentucky and MSU.

Additional information is available from the Kentucky Arts Council at (502) 564-3757 or Reis at (606) 783-5446.
Posted: 8-22-07

KFAC selected for Museums in America grant

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has received a 2007 *Museums for America* grant, one of only two garnered in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the category of "Supporting Lifelong Learning," KFAC received \$18,710 that will be matched with \$35,548 of local funding. The grant will be used to produce digital exhibitions on Apple iPods for use in Kentucky's middle and high schools. The exhibitions will feature Kentucky folk art and traditional music.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to take our museum education program into the digital arena," said KFAC Director Matt Collinsworth. "We're going to use this popular technology to introduce the region's students to some of the most important aspects of traditional culture. It's an exciting project, and we look forward to working again with our partners at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and in public schools throughout Kentucky."

Dr. Anne-Imelda M. Radice, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, announced the grant recipients in Washington, D.C.

Museums of all types, from art to zoos, 158 in all, will share \$17.4 million in grant funding. Recipients will match the federal funds with an additional \$30.1 million. Nationwide, 414 museums competed for grants, requesting more than \$41.9 million.

" *Museums for America* grants invest in our nation's communities by supporting museums as active resources for lifelong learning, cultural heritage, and community engagement," said Dr. Radice. "The programs and activities these grants support include hands-on educational programs, innovative uses of technology, and ground-breaking partnerships. All help to strengthen museum services and improve communities."

Museums request funding to support lifelong learning, sustain cultural heritage, or serve as centers of community engagement. *Museums for America* grants help serve the public more effectively by supporting high priority activities that advance the organization's mission and strategic goals.

Additional information is available by calling KFAC at (606) 783-2204 or on the Web at www.kyfolkart.org . The Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of MSU. The center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.

Posted: 8-23-07

Wing to present recital Aug. 28

Morehead State University's Gregory Wing, assistant professor of music, will present a solo faculty recital on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall, within Baird Music Hall.

Wing will be joined by Linda Conn, staff accompanist.

The program will consist of "Concerto in Eb" by Johann Baptist Georg Neruda, "Legends" by Georges Enesco, and "Concerto," a new trumpet concerto by composer Robert J. Bradshaw.

Wing was invited by Bradshaw to be a member of the "Concerto Premier Project" - a consortium of extraordinary musicians, joining forces to premiere the work. The performance of this work will be the first of the season according to Bradshaw, who will have his work performed 100 times this year by members of the consortium.

The recital is free and open to the public. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2401.

Posted: 8-23-07

Roberts named Student Activities Coordinator

An individual with a diverse background in higher education, community agencies and private enterprise will lead student event planning at Morehead State University.

Terri L. Roberts has been named student activities coordinator at the University. In her new position, the Dayton, Ohio, native will have numerous responsibilities, including advising the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Council. Additionally, she will assist in the planning of Homecoming, Family Weekend and other campus events.

"One of my goals is to make sure that the programming that we do on campus is student-driven and is what the students really want," she said. "I want our campus programming and events to be a reflection of the diversity that we have on our

campus."

Roberts says she wants to develop her SAC/SGA executives as leaders.

"For me, it's really just an effort to try and prepare the students I work with for life after college, using those transferable skills and giving them something constructive to do."

Roberts most recently was employed at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where she worked in its residence life department. Other professional experience includes working at the Alcoholism Council of Cincinnati. She is the co-owner of an event planning, management and consulting company, J & T Events, LLC, whose past clients include the Anthony Munoz Foundation and Marvin Lewis Community Fund.

As a student, she interned with the Cincinnati Reds.

Roberts is a 2002 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communication, with a minor in African-American studies, and where she assisted with residence life administration. She holds a master's degree in sport administration from Xavier University.

She says she was drawn to MSU for various reasons.

"I liked the size of the campus, other schools were much bigger, with over 20,000 students. Also, I really was just struck by the kindness of the people here; they're down to earth, and I've enjoyed being able to interact with people at a level I've never experienced."

A presenter at various conferences and training sessions in higher education, Roberts was a finalist for the 2005 Applause magazine Reach for the Stars Award, which recognizes the achievements of African-Americans under the age of 30 in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region. She is a member of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Iota Nu Sigma Worthington Alumnae chapter.

As student activities coordinator, Roberts wants MSU students to feel comfortable to come to her and get involved all year.

"I know there's a big push at the beginning of the year, but I always want them to come to see me," she said. "I like to be very accessible."

Additional information is available by calling Roberts at the student activities office in the Adron Doran University Center at (606) 783-2071.

Posted: 8-24-07

Dental Assisting program to be offered at REC

A Dental Assisting program that will prepare students for entry level positions in one of the fastest growing health care positions will begin Sept. 5 at the Regional Enterprise Center at Morehead State University at West Liberty (formerly the Morgan County Regional Technology Center).

The 60 classroom-hour program is offered by MSU's Office of Continuing Education. The course will familiarize participants with all areas of pre-clinical dental assisting and provide training in the professional skills necessary to work as an assistant in a dental practice.

"Most employers prefer dental assistants and aides have a high school diploma or equivalent," said Linda McCleese, MSU's director of continuing education. "Prospective students may qualify for financial assistance and should contact the local Cabinet for Families and Children Office at (606) 743-3127 or the Vocational Rehab Office at (606) 743-7978 to inquire as to their eligibility."

Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 5 and running through Oct. 8. The cost of the course is \$1,199.

"We are delighted that individuals in the area will have a convenient opportunity to enroll in a short course that upon completion offers excellent employment opportunities," said Porter Dailey, director of the Regional Enterprise Center. "In addition to entry-level administrative jobs, this course is also ideal for students interested in pursuing a formal dental hygienist program," Dailey added.

Additional information is available from the REC at (606) 743-4005; or MSU's Office of Continuing Education at (606) 783-2875, or visit its Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/oce/index.aspx?id=16908 .
Posted: 8-24-07

Dr. Kunz wins MERLOT award

Morehead State University's Dr. Michelle Kunz, associate professor of marketing, was named by Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) as the Volunteer of the Year in Marketing.

MERLOT recognizes volunteers who serve as peer reviewers, faculty developers and advocates. Volunteers of the Year were nominated by MERLOT editors and selected by the Project Directors' Council.

Along with Dr. Kunz, Elizabeth Smith of Southwest Virginia Community College was honored in a ceremony at the 2007 International Conference, held Aug. 7-10, in New Orleans.

According to the organization, "This year's awardees impressed the project directors with their dedication to the organization and its goals, their energy in helping to further the efforts of their respective editorial boards, and their commitment to spreading the word about MERLOT."

As associate editor of marketing for the Business Editorial Board, Dr. Kunz is responsible for triaging all of the marketing collection (which currently numbers 477 learning materials) and supervising all marketing volunteer peer reviewers, a group which currently numbers 22 people.

Most of these individuals have committed to completing five or more peer reviews per year. That means that Dr. Kunz has to make nearly 100 assignments of reviews, coordinate those reviews and then consolidate them. This past year, she completed 27 Composite Reviews which were then posted to MERLOT, and submitted 13 Learning Materials.

One of her submissions, "Advertising Principles," won the Business Classics Award in 2004. She also has created four Personal Collections on MERLOT.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Kunz at (606) 783-5479.

Posted: 8-27-07

Royal Pine to headline Sundown series finale

Royal Pine will be the featured artist on Friday, Sept. 7, as Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR), the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, Kentucky Folk Art Center and Morehead Tomorrow presents the final installment of the 2007 "Sundown at Moonlight Concert Series."

Morehead Conference Center, Morehead Tourism Commission and the City of Morehead also support the third-year series.

A little bit country, a little bit rock and roll, a little bit cabaret, gypsy and Americana, that's the sound of Royal Pine, based out of Brooklyn, N.Y.

A native of Hastings, N.Y., Robin Aigner found that an attempt to quit smoking, while successful, left her looking for something to do with her hands. She took up the guitar. She has been an integral part of the New York music scene ever since as a performer, a booker and music writer.

The other member of the band is Brook Martinez, who hails from Ambler, Pa. He teaches drum and participates in myriad bands, including Brook's Qawwali Party, for which he translates, charts and plays the melodies of Pakistani legend Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan in western instrumental format.

Royal Pine's songs have that small-town intimacy of Gillian Welch and Patty Griffin, combined with the worldly-wise and wit of Tom Waits and Lucinda Williams.

Music lovers are invited to bring lawn chairs and a picnic supper to enjoy the live music on five separate occasions. The free concert will be held at the Moonlight Stage, located next to the Moonlight School on First Street. In case of rain, the event will move to the Morehead Conference Center.

All shows will run from 7 - 9 p.m. Parking and concessions will be available.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001, Morehead Tomorrow at (606) 780-7441, KCTM at (606) 783-9001, or KFAC at (606) 783-2204.

Posted: 8-27-07

'A Night in Horse Country' slated for Sept. 7

The Friends of Kentucky Folk Art Center will hold "A Night in Horse Country" on Friday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Holly Hill Inn in Midway .

"A Night in Horse Country" features dinner, folk art exhibitions and sales, and live music by the Clack Mountain String Band. The event is a fundraiser for the Center's education programs. Tickets should be purchased in advance.

The main event of the evening will be a sales exhibition, titled "The Horse in Kentucky Folk Art." The exhibit will feature the works of many of Kentucky's most important folk artists including Minnie Adkins, Tim Lewis, Lonnie and Twyla Money, and Jim Gary Phillips. More than 30 works will be offered for sale. A second exhibition, "Against the Grain: The Works of Minnie Adkins," also will be presented.

"The horse is an iconic figure in Kentucky and likewise in Kentucky folk art," said KFAC Curator Adrian Swain. "This is the first time we've assembled a collection of horse related artworks. It's an exciting opportunity for collectors of folk art and equine artworks."

"I expect this to be a wonderful evening," said Pam Sexton, Friends of KFAC co-chair. "While Kentucky Folk Art Center is located in Morehead, our programs and activities extend to every corner of the state. Over the past two years, our museum's education program has provided direct service to more than 20,000 students in Kentucky's public schools. 'A Night in Horse Country' is a great way to spend a Friday evening supporting a great cause."

"A Night in Horse Country" is organized by Friends of Kentucky Folk Art Center and sponsored by Airdrie Stud Inc., Bank of the Bluegrass, The Cozy Corner, Holly Hill Inn, Keeneland Association, Kentucky Bank, Richland Hills, Three Chimneys, U.S. Bancorp Foundation, Wallace Station, and Woodford Reserve Distillery.

Additional information is available by calling KFAC at (606) 783-2204 or on the Web at www.kyfolkart.org. The Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of MSU. The center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 1-5 p.m.
Posted: 8-28-07

Ninth annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival

Enjoy America's best loved storytellers in a beautiful mountain lakeside setting at the ninth annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28 and 29.

Eight talented artists will take you to other times and places through the intrigue of storytelling. Stories will be told in large tents on the shores of Cave Run Lake in the Daniel Boone National Forest, located eight miles west of Morehead.

Ghost stories by the fireside are slated for Saturday evening, while storytelling showcases will be offered both evenings with stories all day, each day.

Performers scheduled to appear are:

Donald Davis: Appalachian culture is now familiar to people throughout the United States thanks to Davis. This North Carolina native makes his stories of family and friends appeal to listeners on a personal level.

Elizabeth Ellis of Dallas, Texas: cradles children and adults alike in the heart of her spellbinding stories. Her southern voice and extensive repertoire hold listeners' rapt attention as she entertains audiences from coast to coast. Best known for her personal stories, Ellis tells Appalachian and Texas tales and stories of heroic American women. During her 25 years as a storyteller, she has appeared nationally and internationally at numerous festivals including the National Storytelling Festival.

Mary Hamilton: Her appearances at the National Storytelling Festival have brought her legions of fans and recognition far beyond the borders of the Commonwealth. She has told her stories in venues from Washington to Florida.

Kevin Kling: He describes his zodiac sign as "Minnesota with Iowa rising." While many of his reference points are specific to the upper Midwest, his childhood stories and topical observations touch upon universal human experiences, with plenty of absurdity and irony in the mix. A humorist and playwright, he is well known for his storytelling contributions to NPR's "All Things' Considered."

Syd Lieberman: Small in stature but huge in heart, that is Lieberman. Harvard graduate, Peace Corps volunteer, humanitarian and chronicler of historical events, his stories glue listeners to their seats rapt in reverie only to find themselves rising to applaud and acknowledge a master storyteller after his performance.

Gayle Ross: A descendant of chief John Ross, chief of the Cherokee Nation during the Trail of Tears. Her grandmother told stories, and it is from this rich Native American heritage that her storytelling springs. Ross is truly a master of the age-old craft of storytelling.

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker take an audience on an educational and emotional journey that ranges from poignant stories of slavery and war to an amusing rendition of a Brer Rabbit tale or witty commentaries on current events. This talented duo weaves music into their captivating stories. Their performances include blues, spirituals, work songs and Sparky Rucker's own compositions.

The full weekend family (maximum of six) rate is \$65. Adult admission will be \$35 while the rate for children (6-18) is \$15. Rates for Friday or Saturday only are available for \$10 for children and students (with ID), and \$20 for adults and \$50 for family. For individuals attending an evening performance on Friday or Saturday, the cost will be \$6.

Tickets are available at the Morehead Conference Center and CoffeeTree Books, in advance, or at the gate on the day of the event. There is a discount, if tickets are purchase prior to the event. Camping is available within walking distance of the festival.

Morehead State Public Radio is a sponsor of the event along with Cumberland Ranger District and the Morehead Tourism Commission. In case of inclement weather, the performances will be held in Button Auditorium on MSU's campus and at the Morehead Conference Center.

Additional information is available from Carolyn Franzini at (606) 783-1420; the Morehead Tourism Commission at (606) 780-4342 or (800) 654-1944; or by visiting MSPR's Web site at www.msuradio.com . Franzini's show "A Time For Tales" airs at 4 p.m. every Sunday on MSPR.

[Click here to view photos of storytellers](#)

Posted: 8-28-07

BOR work session set for Aug. 30

EVENT: Board of Regents Work Session

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Heritage Room, Adron Doran University Center

The Board will hold a work session to discuss: the Stamats marketing research study; capital projects; business plan; and developing a performance/assessment process for the President.

Media representatives planning to attend the session should call the Media Relations office at (606) 783-2030 before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Posted: 8-28-07

Hill receives KAC professional assistance award

Morehead State University's Jeffrey Hill, an assistant professor of mass communication, has been named a recipient of a Kentucky Arts Council Professional Assistance Award.

The Arts Council awarded 10 Professional Assistance Awards to artists to encourage excellence in their artistic careers.

Along with Hill, recipients of the \$1,000 awards were: Matthew Albritton, photography, Dayton; Don Ament, photography, Lexington; Mitch Eckert, experimental, Louisville; Matthew Maynard, craft/metal, Lawrenceburg; Mark Needham, craft/metal, Louisville; Molly Rucks, photography, Louisville; Jesse Sims, painting, Cave City; Larry Joe Treadway, photography, Lexington; and George Vitorovich, mixed media, Bowling Green.

Also this year, Jennifer Reis, gallery director in the Claypool-Young Art Building at Morehead State University, received an Al Smith Visual Arts Fellowship.

The \$7,500 award named for Al Smith, journalist and former Arts Council chair (1977-1980), alternate between two discipline groupings: writers, composers, choreographers, and interdisciplinary artists in one year and visual and media artists in the other.

Funding for the Kentucky Arts Council is provided by the Kentucky State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, which promotes that a great nation deserves great art.

Additional information is available by calling Hill at (606) 783-9383, Reis at (606) 783-5446, or the Kentucky Arts Council at (502) 564-3757.

Posted: 8-29-07

Septemberfest set for Sept. 17-20

Final preparations for Septemberfest, Morehead State University's annual celebration of democracy, are underway.

The activities will begin on Monday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. with a celebration of the Native American Peace Tree that will include a sage burning ceremony in celebration of "Mother Earth." This will be followed by a showing of the movie "An Inconvenient Truth" at the Morehead Conference Center beginning at 7 p.m. A 2006 Academy Award winner, the work focuses on the science of global warming and former Vice President Al Gore's personal history and commitment to reversing the effects of global climate change.

The showing is free and open to the public. A question and answer session will follow with a panel representing environmental sciences, earth sciences and MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 events will kick off with the "Donkeys vs. Elephants" on the lawn of Fields Hall, slated for 5:15-6 p.m. Led by MSU's ROTC, it will be a friendly competition between Republicans and Democrats. Participants are encouraged to turn out and show their political party pride.

In the commons area around the Adron Doran University Center, there will be the Volunteer Fair, a "Meet the Candidates" forum, the "American as Apple Pie Contest" and a concert by MSU's marching band. The pies will be eaten from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

The Volunteer Fair is slated from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the commons area. Campus and community members are invited to set up a display table at this event, educating others about their organization. Additionally, it will be a chance to meet faculty and students who are seeking service projects, internships and volunteer opportunities. Reservations are necessary. In the event of rain, the fair will be moved to the Button Drill Room.

Candidates and campus and community political party representatives will be on hand at the forum, which will be held simultaneously with the volunteer fair. The forum also will feature a voter registration station.

MSU's marching band will perform on the Fields Hall lawn. That concert is scheduled from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Tuesday evening's main program, slated to begin at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium, will focus on the 50-year anniversary of the first African-American students to join the University's entering freshman class. MSU's important role in the Ohio Valley Conference and the state's efforts to integrate higher education will be highlighted. A mass choir as well as Black Gospel Ensemble will perform at the program.

Concluding the program will be the presentation of the Excellence in Civic Engagement Awards for both community and campus work. Also, awards will be made to the best student organization and best campus department participating in the apple pie contest.

Decorated luminaries from the classrooms of MSU's student teachers will line the sidewalks around Button as the audience leaves the program.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, hundreds of middle and high school students from the region will visit MSU from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. to learn about democracy from faculty and students as American Democracy Ambassadors. That evening, there will be a political forum at 7 p.m. in Rader Hall, hosted by the Department of Geography, Government and History.

Septemberfest will conclude by joining the community on Thursday, Sept. 20, with a presentation of Ken Burns' documentary, "The War." This community and statewide event, sponsored by the Friends of KET, focuses on honoring those who served in World War II, including Rowan County veterans. The screening will be held at the Morehead Conference Center at 7 p.m.

All Septemberfest events are free and open to the public.

Additional information about Septemberfest is available by calling Dr. Beverly McCormick, professor of real estate and event coordinator, at (606) 783-5156.

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Dr. Joseph Osei to speak Sept. 5

A scholar whose research interests include social justice, affirmative action and political violence will offer a special guest lecture on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at Morehead State University.

Dr. Joseph Osei, assistant professor of philosophy at Fayetteville State University, will present "Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Ethics of Third World Development" at 4:30 p.m. in 405 Combs Building.

A native of Ghana, Dr. Osei has taught courses in logic, critical thinking, ethics, political philosophy, African philosophy and culture, civil rights and much more. He is the author of two books, "Contemporary African Philosophy and Development" and "Fundamental Principles of Logic." He also has written numerous book chapters, journal articles and conference proceedings.

Dr. Osei holds a Ph.D. degree in philosophy from The Ohio State University at Columbus and a master's degree in philosophy from Ohio University in Athens. Additionally, he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and religion from the University of Ghana at Legon/Accra, a diploma in theology at Trinity Theological Seminary in Legon, Ghana, and a diploma in journalism from Frilsham in England.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for the Humanities, Caudill College of Humanities, Arts and Humanities Council, Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy and the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Scott Davison, professor of philosophy, at (606) 783-2273.

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An early labor day for MSU professor

Even though the official Labor Day holiday is not until Sept. 3, Morehead State University's Dr. M. Noelle N'Diaye, assistant professor of government, moved her "labor day" up a week to Monday, Aug. 27, to the surprise of her students.

During her Model International Criminal Court class in Rader Hall, Dr. N'Diaye went from lecturing to labor. "We'd just finished discussing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights when I felt my water break. The contractions started immediately. A baby girl was born two hours later at St. Claire," said the proud mom.

Her husband was not in town. Lbrahim N'Diaye, instructor of history, was teaching his global studies class at MSU at West Liberty. So, student R.V. Lockard, **West Liberty** junior, stepped in and drove her to the hospital and stayed until the baby was delivered.

"I'm always telling my students how I don't believe in coincidences, especially in this class where our ultimate concern is respect for life, the rights of individuals to be born and live in a society free from the types of conditions and situations that lead to crimes against children and crimes against humanity. So it's only fitting that we started this semester by ushering in life."

According to Dr. N'Diaye, she was impressed with the show of support from her students.

"I was so touched by their immediate responses. They hugged me, wished me good luck and helped me get out of the building. A few even yelled 'I love you' as we drove away. That is the true measure of what we are trying to build here at MSU," said Dr. N'Diaye.

In the tradition of Mali, West Africa, her husband's native land, the baby will not be given a name until seven days after her birth, after a naming ceremony happens in her father's family.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and Dr. N'Diaye had joked last week about her giving birth in the classroom, since she is always trying to engage students in meaningful ways.

"He told me to call him if that was going to happen. But Monday, there was no time," joked Dr. N'Diaye.

Mother and baby are doing well and visited campus Friday and spoke with some of the students from Monday's class. Dr. N'Diaye has an older daughter, Rysa, who is 10.

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